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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the outstanding Office Action, dated April 4, 2006, in the above-identified amplication.

This Amendment is believed to be timely submitted; however, if an extension of time is required one is hereby requested. It is believed that no fee is due; however, in the event a fee is required please charge the fee to Deposit Account No. 13-3723.